

IT MIGHT BE WORSE.

A Fire Started in the Statehouse But Was Put Out.

SEVERAL PARDONS ARE GIVEN OUT

Making Many People Happy—New Corporations and Other Statehouse Matters.

A fire started in the east wing of the statehouse this morning about 9 o'clock. It originated in a closet under the stairway in the west end of the wing, which had been used for storing away rags and old papers. By the prompt action of Henry Wilton the fire was put out without serious damage.

The closet is a place where cast off articles are thrown. Some of the statehouse attaches hold that the blaze was occasioned by spontaneous combustion while others think that a lighted match must have been thrown into the place by some one.

When John Falls of the state library first discovered that something was wrong the smoke was coming out of every crevice and when the door was opened the air fanned the blaze and it looked quite serious.

If the fire had started in the night it is probable that the entire statehouse would have burned.

BURWELL GOES FREE.

A Daughter's Labors to Get Her Father Out of the Penitentiary.

Last evening Governor Lewelling signed a paper which gave to J. O. Burwell his freedom after two years of service in the penitentiary.

The pardon was secured only by the persistent faithfulness of a daughter—Miss Emma Burwell, who is eighteen years old. Burwell comes from Lenora, Norton county.

He is a man nearly sixty years old. He seems to have been the victim of bad sons. Wm. Burwell and Jim Burwell, in company with another man entered an express car on the Union Pacific and carried off the safe. They concealed it on their father's place and secured its contents, \$2,200 and hid the money in the house of their father. The money was found and the old man arrested. Jim Burwell escaped and William Burwell pleaded guilty and got a two year's sentence. The father was arraigned on the ground of criminal knowledge and was convicted and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. The boys were members of the Belmont gang of horse thieves, somewhat famed in their neighborhood, but the father had borne a good reputation.

They were well off financially but the money was all spent in the trial and carrying the case to the supreme court. The case was decided there against Burwell. Then the girl Emma started out with a petition. She secured about 300 names and by taking in washing and working by the week, managed to save a little money. She mortgaged a team and raised her fund \$200.

She came here accompanied by an elderly farmer, E. H. Darnell, and presented her case to the board. Her plea was successful.

MILITARY MISCONDUCT.

C. Radabaugh Fired By Military Zeal and Also Fired By General Davis.

C. Radabaugh is a martial citizen of Newton. When he became fired by military zeal he enlisted in Co. D, Second regiment Kansas National Guards. In time the discipline of the service became odious to him, and he failed to attend when called, and paid little attention to the duties appertaining to a soldier's life. He was remonstrated with by the officers, but was still derelict in duty.

A company court of discipline was convoked, and Private Radabaugh was regularly tried. He was convicted of neglect of duty, and sentenced to be dishonorably discharged. Adjutant General Davis has just issued the papers that place Radabaugh on the retired list.

Honorable discharges were granted to Corporal H. B. Stewart and Private A. L. Ego, of the same company.

NEW CORPORATIONS.

Charters Secured for Corporations for Various Purposes.

The following companies have received charters: The Fort Scott Oil company of Fort Scott, Kansas. Capital stock \$100,000. Directors: J. D. Hill, E. R. Cheneault, J. H. Richardson and Geo. E. Ford of Fort Scott and Chas. H. Jenks of Pittsburg, Pa.

The Nemaha Telephone Exchange company of Seneca. Capital stock \$25,000. Directors: John A. Gilchrist, J. D. Kennard, C. C. Vickers, Abijah Wells and Frank Wells all of Seneca, Kansas. The Baptist Church of St. Charles, Kansas. Capital stock \$1,500. Trustees: J. M. Wade, E. L. Stalker and G. W. Shields.

TO GET NEVILLE OUT.

He Got Into the Penitentiary For a Fight Over a Debt.

The friends of Wiley Neville want him released from the penitentiary. He was given one year for felonious assault and has only served a little more than a month of his time.

A voluminous protest has been filed and Wiley will undoubtedly have to serve out his time. The story of the trouble sounds as if it was only an ordinary fight. Neville and a man named Murphy got into a quarrel over a debt and Murphy was struck on the head with a stone. He was not seriously hurt but that did not prevent Neville's conviction.

EMMA RELENTS.

She Sent Her Lover to the Penitentiary—Now She Wants Him Out.

Emma Jantzen of Kansas City, Kan., appeared before the board of pardons late yesterday afternoon. She wants Joseph McLane released from the penitentiary. She and McLane had been lovers. He led her astray, and she testified against him and secured his conviction under the age of consent law.

McLane got a three years sentence. Now she says she testified against him under a threat that she would be sent to the penitentiary, and that she was older than she before testified. Emma is a good looking girl and wears gorgeous red flowers in her hat.

Beggs' Little Giant Pills Are the most complete pill on the market, besides being the cheapest, as one pill is a dose, and forty doses in each bottle. Every pill guaranteed to give satisfaction by W. R. Kennedy, 4th and Kaa Ave.

THE DANN-MILLER CASE.

One More Continuance Granted in the Sensational Suit.

The case against Cameron Miller and Earnest Dann was set for hearing in Justice Furry's court today at 8 o'clock. The lawyers for the defense, W. A. S. Bird, J. B. Larimer and T. H. Bain, were not ready for trial, however, and the case was given another long continuance of something less than three weeks.

Justice Furry explains that there is in reality no delay in the continuances which are being granted in the case. All that can be done by a justice of the peace in the case is to bind the young men over to the district court, if there is sufficient evidence of guilt to warrant it. The case can't be tried in the district court before the September term. There is plenty of time, the justice thinks, and the delay might as well occur in his court as in the district court.

PENQUITE TELLS TALES.

He Meets Harry Safford on a Train and Gives Him Pointers.

County Attorney Harry Safford was on an east bound train a few days ago when a familiar figure entered his car from the smoker and took a seat beside him. Mr. Safford did not recognize the young man at first but soon learned that he was Ed. Penquite, who has just finished a six months sentence in the county jail for stealing from Dr. Mann during the week Penquite was on his way to Hot Springs.

Penquite grew confidential in course of a vigorous friendly cross-examination and told the county attorney considerable inside history of criminal cases which are still pending or have been lately settled in the district court. He said that most of the offenders "fixed up" their defenses in jail and some of the other prisoners helped them.

Penquite said that N. H. Wolff's story to the effect that he had given his wife \$200 to put in the bank, and for that reason thought he had money at the time the fraudulent checks were drawn, was manufactured in his presence.

Concerning his own case Penquite said he wasn't as guilty as his pal who "peached" on him, but admitted that he was "mixed up in it," and said he had no complaint to make. He told the county attorney about many other cases and said only one guilty man had escaped. He was the man who tried to break into a Rock Island car.

IN MR. TROUTMAN'S FAVOR.

Judge Hazen Decides Foreclosure Case of Abbie Shipley vs. James Troutman.

The district court jury has decided the interesting foreclosure case of Abbie Shipley vs. James A. Troutman, et al., in favor of Mr. Troutman.

In this case in which some North Topeka property was in question, the suit was first brought in the circuit court but after Mr. Troutman had succeeded in delaying the case by a number of motions and demurrers, Attorney Welch, who had Mrs. Shipley's side of the case, paid up all the costs and took the case to the district court.

One or two continuances were secured in the district court when Mr. Welch suggested that the case be submitted for the decision of the court on the argument. Judge Hazen took it under advisement for a week and at the end of the week refused to decide it and it was submitted and said it must be tried by a jury. It has now been tried before a jury and much to the chagrin of the attorney who paid the costs in the circuit court the decision is against him.

THEY STICK TO IT.

Prisoners At the City Jail Renew Their Charges Concerning the Food.

To the Editor of the State Journal: SIR:—In reply to the article of Mr. Long in last evening's JOURNAL we wish to state that after having spent ten days in the city prison and being compelled to eat three times a day of the food that he provided, we consider ourselves, under the circumstances, quite as good a judge of the meat that he served as Mr. Long or his butcher or his kitchen help, and we wish to say that the meat, especially the liver was spoiled, and the coffee that he served was not coffee but a composition of chicory and hot water. We don't write this article with the expectation of having to eat any more of Mr. Long's 12 1/2 cent meals, but merely for the sake of those who are unfortunate enough to be compelled to do so.

LEE CURTIS,
W. L. WARE.

ABOUT A DOG.

A Quarrel Between Residents of Parkdale Results in An Arrest.

The name of John Nelson appeared on the police register with a charge of disturbing the peace. The complaint witness is Mrs. Florence Neugebauer. Both are residents of Parkdale. The difficulty occurred over an insignificant mongrel pup. It was claimed by both parties, and Nelson found it in Mrs. Neugebauer's yard. He at once proceeded to take possession, but the lady objected. That made no difference, and Nelson carried off the dog. Before he did so, Mrs. Neugebauer says he called her names.

She forthwith appeared at the police station, and swore out a warrant for Nelson's arrest. He will be tried in police court tomorrow.

LOCAL MENTION.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Brussel, an eight pound boy.

The jury commissioners of Shawnee county, J. G. Howard, A. M. McRoberts and C. S. Stanley, are now preparing the list from which the jurors for the district and circuit courts will be drawn during the remainder of the year.

A Washburn college car northbound ran into a big tree today on Kansas avenue between Fourth and Fifth streets. The accident was probably due to the woman who was driving. One of the wheels of the vehicle was smashed.

A horse belonging to Wm. Schlegel, hitched to a light buggy ran away on west Sixth street this morning. The driver, a colored boy named Tom Rucker, was thrown out but was not seriously hurt. The horse collided with a wagon in front of Love & Cook's livery stable and was stopped without any damage being done.

The ladies society to B. of L. F., will give a progressive high five party Thursday evening at B. of L. E. hall, corner Fourth and Adams, for the purpose of disposing of their quilt and picture.

Nice and beautiful ladies and gents' watches sold on easy payments.
E. W. HUGHES, 218 East Fifth.

MR. COBURN'S VIEWS.

The Secretary of the State Agricultural Board on the Subject of Irrigation.

"Do you think that irrigation can be made a universal success and what do you consider the best plan?" said a JOURNAL reporter to Mr. F. D. Coburn, secretary of the state board of agriculture today.

"If by 'universal success' is meant the thorough irrigation of all or even one-half the land comprising what was formerly known as 'the plains,' I answer no; but this by no means implies that it will not become a tremendous factor in the agriculture of western Kansas and eventually in that of the entire state, when those who come after us shall be educated up to the value and business economy of it. Then the state will be supporting a population ten or twenty times greater than we now have and the slipshod, wasteful, unbusiness-like methods so complacently tolerated in our day will not do.

"We are certainly on the threshold of great development in irrigation and if in the next decade or two we find the ways and means to put water on an average of so much as ten acres of each agricultural quarter section, will mean a very important feature of all this will be the conservation, storage and proper use of the storm water, so much of which is now waste.

"I scarcely see how Congress, when fully advised as to the facts, can ignore the people to whom these semi-arid lands have been disposed of, and fail to do the fair thing in the way of helping make such investigations as will discover where the water is, the probable quantity, and the best methods of storing and distribution. Having spent so many millions in keeping water off the low lands in the Southern States there is certainly a propriety in using some for helping discover how much water may be put on lands where it would do so much good as it can in some portions of Kansas."

CITIZENS, COME OUT.

Call For the Meeting of the North Topeka Commercial Club.

Citizens and business men of Topeka who have an interest in the upbuilding of the best and prettiest city in the United States, that desire and wish for better times, should not fail to attend the meeting of the North Topeka Commercial club at fire station No. 1, next Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock (April 20th). Matters of vital importance to every citizen of Topeka and Shawnee county will be brought before the meeting.

Topeka, the Queen city of the west, is now on the threshold of a new era, and it behooves us to get better business men to improve the opportunity and not stop until we make our own beautiful capital, home a manufacturing center. Rapid growth and prosperity is ours if we will but pull together. Prominent citizens from adjoining cities will be present.

No collection taken up. No subscriptions or bonds asked for.
WM. GREEN, President.
G. B. PAYNE, Secretary.

SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS.

Last night's rain did not raise the river. Garfield Park is commencing to attract visitors.

The county commissioners will be in session tomorrow.

During the last fiscal year the city collected \$1,093 in dog tax.

The best looking man in Topeka drinks his coffee out of his saucer.

Night Jailor Pickens is a cousin of the late Senator Vance of North Carolina.

State Auditor Prather taught school a great many years. He was a successful teacher.

Chief Clerk Rice of the secretary of state's office has just sold two car loads of fat steers.

The average value of the potato crop grown in Shawnee county for ten years was \$50,439.

The old constables are still staying at the justice courts showing the new ones how to do it.

Tonight occurs a reception given to Department Commander Campbell at 400 Kansas avenue.

J. C. Gordon, a great deal of the time, acts as his own clerk. He could give the boys some pointers, too.

A number of local Congregationalists are attending a meeting of the general association at Manhattan.

Judge Hazen will give the final decision in the Odd Fellows Orphans' Home case next Monday morning.

Major J. K. Hudson will deliver the annual address of St. John's Military academy at Salina, May 29.

A quantity of letter mail from Kansas City to Topeka was carried by yesterday to Wichita and returned today.

A. J. Wilder has brought suit in the district court for a divorce from his wife Mollie E. Wilder for abandonment.

Harry Adams, E. M. Cockrell and Dr. A. M. Callahan are the three most active candidates for the clerkship of the district court.

The state house guide now rents a large field glass to visitors who wish to enjoy a view of the country from the dome of the state house.

Frank A. Waugh, formerly of Topeka, but now professor of horticulture in the Oklahoma Agricultural college at Stillwater, was in Topeka yesterday.

Judge Ensminger's work in the police court secured for the city \$3,714.88 from fines during the past twelve months. This is an average of about \$310 per month or \$10 a day.

Thomas Wood, a colored young man whose toe was amputated at the county jail, was sentenced to one year and one day in the penitentiary by Judge Riser for passing a counterfeit silver dollar.

Mr. Ed H. Wheeler of Colony, Kas., grand master of the state lodges of United Workmen, has decided that no Workmen shall hold office who either keeps a joint, or rents a building for that purpose.

We wish to return thanks to our many friends for their expression of sympathy, beautiful floral tributes and valuable assistance rendered during our recent bereavement, and we will ever kindly remember the A. T. & S. F. shop employees who furnished the escort to the remains of our son Charlie.

MR. AND MRS. G. W. SCOTT.

REPORT BIG STORMS.

Agents Along the Railroad Lines Tell of Destruction.

HAIL SMASHES IN CAR WINDOWS.

Other Railroad Matters of Interest—Personal and General Notes.

There were rain, wind and hail storms in parts of Kansas last evening and during the night, and considerable damage is reported at various places by telegrams to railroad headquarters. There was a small cyclone at McPherson on the Rock Island. Three or four houses were demolished in that vicinity and a few people slightly injured. Near Kingman the hail was so terrific as to break every glass in the south side of Wichita & Western passenger train No. 415. On the Union Pacific there was a heavy wind and rain storm between Topeka and St. Marys and the telegraph lines were down in several places this morning.

OUGHT THEY TO STRIKE.

Harry Chapman of American Railway Union on the Great Northern Strike.

"I speak for the JOURNAL that there is as yet no cessation of antagonism between the Great Northern and its late employees," said Harry Chapman, chairman of the local board of the American Railway union, who probably knows as much about American Railway union affairs as any other man in Kansas, last evening. He said that this is not a very good time to strike. Railroads as a rule are not making as much money as an informed man would suppose, and the northern railroads in particular are not in such a gloriously healthy condition. They feel then that it behooves them to cut down their enormous expense in some way. The natural question then arises, shall the road retain say nine-tenths of its men at the unimpaired schedule or retain them all at a reduction. I am a member of the American Railway union which furthered their strike and I am of course in sympathy with any move it may make looking to an improved condition of organized labor, but in the face of the financial stringency such as now exists I believe men should be slow to strike.

"Laboring men must work to live or be supported by their brothers of the union. It is cheaper for them to strike now when it is so doubtful if the road can pay its present schedule to all its men or accept even a slight reduction until better times and keep all hands at work? I believe as for all other workmen in good wages whenever they can be paid, and in the best possible way at all times. The Great Northern strike is right in this particular: The reduction proposed is out of reason, and it seems to me that after a cool conference between the officials and the men, a reasonable compromise will result."

ALL ALONG THE LINES.

Railroad News Items Interesting to Readers and the Public.

A. A. Scott of the Santa Fe has returned from Omaha.

Geo. C. Bailey, Santa Fe agent at Lawrence, was in town last evening.

H. A. Chamberlain of the Santa Fe offices returned from Atchison yesterday afternoon.

Chas. L. Ewing of the Chicago Refrigerator Car Co., is in the city on business with the Santa Fe.

Mrs. J. J. Frey went to Sedalia yesterday and will accompany her husband home the last of the week.

The Kansas City shipping clerks will have an excursion over the Union Pacific to Fort Riley on May 18th.

Hon. S. B. Wilson of Atchison county, is in town on business at the Santa Fe offices and the state house.

Geo. M. Sargent of Kansas City, was in town last evening. He is the Santa Fe commercial agent at that place.

W. C. Leiferman of Chicago, superintendent of the Great Northern line, visited the Santa Fe offices this morning.

Millionaire George M. Pullman of Chicago, accompanied by Receiver Doane, went eastward through Topeka over the Union Pacific yesterday afternoon.

An effort is being made by the citizens of Abilene to establish switch connections between the Union Pacific and Santa Fe at that place. The Santa Fe now has 67 such connections.

J. O. Brinkerhoff, general superintendent, A. T. Palmer, superintendent, and F. Metzheim, master mechanic, all of the Union Pacific, stopped here a short time while on their way west on a tour of inspection.

A great deal of complaint is being made along the line of the Santa Fe regarding boys jumping on and off moving trains. Most of the towns have issued orders against it and will enforce them, and the road is doing all it can to prevent the dangerous practice.

The Missouri Pacific, the Wabash and the Burlington, have decided to meet the one fare for the round trip rate between St. Louis and Kansas City and all points in Kansas on the same basis that now exists between Chicago and Kansas City over the Santa Fe and the Alton.

SHOPS AND OFFICES.

Some News Notes of Personal and General Interest.

Santa Fe passenger coach 55 is in the shops for repairs.

John Ash of the Santa Fe round house, who was struck in the eye by a piece of steel two weeks ago, will soon be able to return to work.

Major T. J. Anderson of the Rock Island, is in Kansas City today attending the meeting of the Trans-Missouri passenger association.

Conductor Alex. Ferguson of the Santa Fe, who now has a run out of Argentine, moved his family and household goods to Kansas City yesterday.

The Rock Island has also made a special rate of one fare for the round trip to the Christian Endeavor at the convention at Topeka May 22nd.

Santa Fe engine 114 has come into the round house with a heavy pinch bar in her fire box, which she must have picked up in some unaccountable way along the roads.

W. W. Saunders, a Santa Fe brakeman, lost a thumb while making a coupling at Leavenworth yesterday. He was brought to the Santa Fe dispensary here and is now at home getting along well.

Jesse Seligman and party left for California yesterday at 3:40 p. m. Mr. Seligman was much better and was able to walk from the hack to his train unaided.

Unless he grows worse no more stops will be made until the car reaches San Diego.

THE CITY'S FINANCES.

What the Annual Report of the Treasurer Shows.

During the fiscal year which ended April 1st, the city of Topeka spent \$66,608.55 more than it received.

The annual report of the city treasurer which has just been compiled by Deputy Treasurer L. G. Beal, shows this shortage; the disbursements for the year were \$400,848.30, while the receipts from all sources were only \$334,239.75.

This deficit, it is only just to say, is due more to circumstances than mismanagement and is not as alarming as might appear at first sight. It is amply covered by a balance on hand at the first of April, 1893, of \$198,946.01, leaving a balance in the various funds at the first of this year of only \$137,397.46.

The cause of this deficiency, briefly stated, is that the city did not have as much available revenue at its disposal this year as last, due to the abolition of the poll tax and the passage of laws by the last legislature providing for more leniency in cases of delayed payment of taxes. It is estimated that the city has been deprived of about \$40,000 from these causes. This is the explanation given by the city officers. Moreover the city paid out over \$10,000 from unpaid old funds of sewers and 13 to the credits of Decker, Mullins & Berry. This money has been idle in the treasury for five years, but its disbursement helps to make the unfavorable showing.

The report shows that the receipts in addition to money received from the county treasurer for taxes, are divided as follows:

Bank interest.....	\$2,579 98
Food inspector.....	3,143 16
Dog tax.....	1,692 00
Sale engine and cart.....	125 00
Sale of junk.....	116 26
Fees returned by district clerk.....	49 35
Rent.....	2,681 15
Building permits.....	133 50
City scales.....	127 90
Sale of dirt.....	67 70
City railway.....	479 55
Fire loss.....	635 13
Police court fines.....	3,714 88
Pound fees.....	15 50

The report then gives an itemized statement of the condition of each fund, a summary, or "recapitulation" of which is as follows:

General revenue fund.....	Disbursements.....	Receipts.....
General improvement.....	\$1,153 38	\$4,929 58
Sinking.....	290 68	16,944 41
Interest.....	20,061 22	12,340 47
Water supply.....	14,510 00	3,389 14
Library.....	2,368 00	9,015 12
Sidewalk.....	10,015 12	20,301 23
Incidental expenses.....	12 31	12,742 43
Metropolitan police.....	18,328 38	6,018 29
Street paving board.....	12,742 43	41,183 39
Alley paving bond.....	6,018 29	2,883 85
Sewer bond.....	41,183 39	25 00
Reliefs.....	2,883 85	125 00
Indemnity.....	25 00	4,494 04
Judgment.....	125 00	7,940 00
Sever District No. 11.....	4,494 04	194 00
Sever District No. 12.....	7,940 00	312 12
Sever District No. 16.....		4,833 43
Drainage District No. 1.....	4,559 37	2,672 26
Laurent St. construction.....	2,485 98	365 40
Opening Twelfth street.....	365 40	
Totals.....	\$400,848 30	\$334,239 75
Disbursements above rec.....	\$66,608 55	

A NEW GRAND ARMY PLAN.

Twenty-nine District Inspectors Are to Be Appointed.

The executive committee of the Grand Army has closed its session. Department Commander Campbell will remain in the city till tomorrow. This committee will meet the reunion committee at Hutchinson some time soon and at that meeting the date of the reunion at that place will be fixed. The reunion will occur in August. The general orders will be issued probably Friday.

In them will be the announcement of a new plan which has been brought forward by Department Commander Campbell. The state Grand Army posts will be under the supervision of twenty-nine district inspectors. These inspectors will be under the department inspector. Capt. Joseph G. Waters will be appointed department inspector and will have charge of the twenty-nine district inspectors. He will issue general orders under the supervision of Department Commander Campbell. For the district which is called the eighth, which includes Shawnee, Pottawatomie, Osage and Jackson counties, Gen. J. C. Caldwell will be appointed inspector. These inspectors will be selected from among the most active men in the Grand Army. They will be better fitted to attend to the work of the state Grand Army than it has been, for all the work has heretofore fallen upon Department Commander Campbell. The inspectors will really be the "running gear" of the state organization.